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INDIAN ARCHAEOLOGIST DESCRIBES RECENT FINDS OF ANCIENT HINDU CITY

Dr. M. S. Nagaraja Rao, Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, will lecture on "The Fabulous City of Vijayangara: Recent Excavations and Conservations" at The Cleveland Museum of Art on Wednesday, October 16, at 5:45 p.m. Dr. Rao, who has excavated many ancient sites in India, will describe the palaces, sculptures, and other works of art uncovered since 1979 in Vijayangara, an ancient Hindu royal city in southern India which covers some twenty-six square kilometers, one of the most extensive archaeological sites in the country.

Dr. Rao's talk, one in the Museum's Festival of India lecture series, is free and open to the public. It replaces a lecture on "The Popular Art of Kushan Terracottas" previously scheduled for this date.

Dr. Rao, a resident of New Delhi, received his Ph.D. in Archaeology from Poona University in India in 1967 and did post-doctoral work at the University of Cambridge in England and at the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University. He has published a number of books and articles on art and archaeology and is very active in Museum work. He has served as Curator of the Museum of Art and Archaeology, Karnataka University, and was one of three Indian delegates to a Unesco Seminar on the development of museums in Southeast Asia held in Delhi-Bombay in 1966.

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